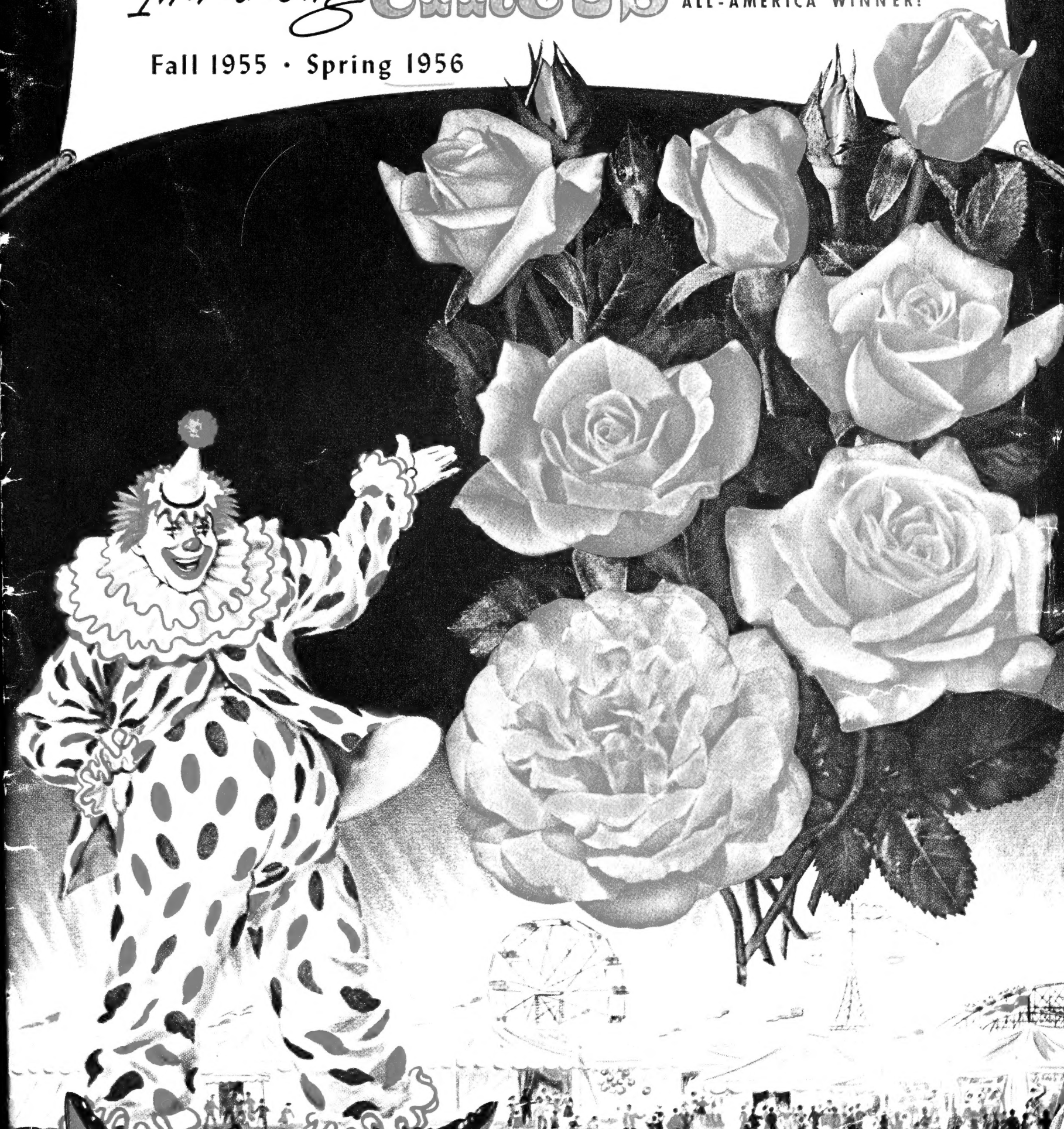


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*Armstrong Nurseries*  
GREATEST ROSE SHOW ON EARTH

*Introducing* **CIRCUS** THE ONE AND ONLY 1956  
ALL-AMERICA WINNER!

Fall 1955 • Spring 1956



# Roses

we were made to enjoy . . .

"A rose is a rose" poetically, but actually roses, just like we humans, are individuals, each with its particular charm or maybe even a foible. Getting to know them is one of the great satisfactions that comes with the growing of fine roses. Mostly you learn by experience, but we hope this catalog will help start you in the right direction.

## *65 years of successful "know-how"*

In nearly a lifetime of growing and serving our gardening friends everywhere, we've learned a lot about growing roses. We are proud, too, of the status which we have achieved in the industry. But we think our most important achievement is a sound reputation for the quality of our plants and for our honest representation of them. Even though we may never have the pleasure of seeing you face to face, we try to be able to say to you in all sincerity, "These are Armstrong plants. With them you are getting the finest in quality along with the sort of reliability and service you've a right to expect."



**J. A. Armstrong**

Mr. J. Awdry Armstrong, Vice-President and General Manager of the Armstrong organization, has literally "grown up" in the nursery business. Since early in his career, he has been especially fond of roses and now enjoys an enviable world-wide reputation as a rose authority.

Constant searching for new and better varieties has expanded the Armstrong Research Department until now it is one of the largest privately owned plant breeding projects in the world. At its head is Mr. David L. Armstrong (at left), one of the third generation of Armstrong rose specialists.





# Guarantee of Armstrong Quality

If you follow the simple instructions on proper planting contained in the guide which you will receive with your Armstrong roses, and providing that the plants have not been exposed to abnormal weather or damaging factors beyond our control, rose plants sold by Armstrong Nurseries are guaranteed to live and bloom.

Under the above conditions, we will replace without charge any rose which fails to grow and bloom in your garden if you notify us of its failure within six months after the rose is delivered to you.

*John A. Armstrong*

## All-America Rose Selections



The initials AARS stand for All-America Rose Selections. This non-profit organization thoroughly evaluates new rose varieties in test gardens all over America, selecting the best of each year's new introductions for All-America honors. Every rose which has won an AARS Merit Award is identified in this catalog by the AARS insignia.

## Planting guide free with every purchase



Every shipment of Armstrong roses is accompanied by a copy of the Armstrong Planting Guide. This carefully compiled booklet sets down for you simply, yet thoroughly, the step by step instructions on the proper care and planting of your roses. Follow it and you'll find it easy to make your Armstrong roses the envy of the neighborhood.

## Five types of roses

Nearly every one of our modern roses fall into one of five classes or rose types. Here are, briefly, the characteristics of each class:

### Floribunda

"Floribunda" means lots of flowers, and that is just what you get with these new cluster-flowering roses. They have many garden uses with their almost unbelievable show of color display throughout the entire season. Plant them singly, mass them for color, or use them as a hedge or walk edging. Bright new colors and a variety of plant sizes give you a wide choice. *See pages 4 to 11.*

### Grandiflora

Both buds and blooms have Hybrid Tea beauty of form but you get hundreds more in big clusters with long individual stems for cutting. The plants are characteristically vigorous, erect and tall growing, among the easiest of roses to grow. They're marvelous for the back row in a rose garden, for a tall rose hedge, or as a colorful garden shrub. *Pages 12 and 13.*

### Hybrid Tea

Hybrid Teas are the foundation of every rose garden. They are characterized by large flower size, excellent form in bud and bloom. They have long stems and are fine for cutting and arranging. You will find the special colors you like among them. Plants vary in height from low to tall—many are exceptionally fragrant. *See pages 14 to 32.*

### Tree Roses

Standard or tree-shaped roses are grown by budding the desired variety into a specially grown tall straight trunk. Colorful blooms are displayed by the bushy head which starts about 3 feet above ground level. *See page 32.*

### Climbers

All climbing roses will do essentially the same job—cover a pergola or arbor, flatter a wall or fence, or hide an unsightly view. However, there are differences in the blooming habit, hardiness and ultimate size, so you should choose to best suit your need. *See pages 33 to 35.*

Because of its vigor and remarkable adaptability to all types of soil and climate, Dr. Huey is proving to be the ideal rose rootstock. It is used exclusively in growing Armstrong roses.

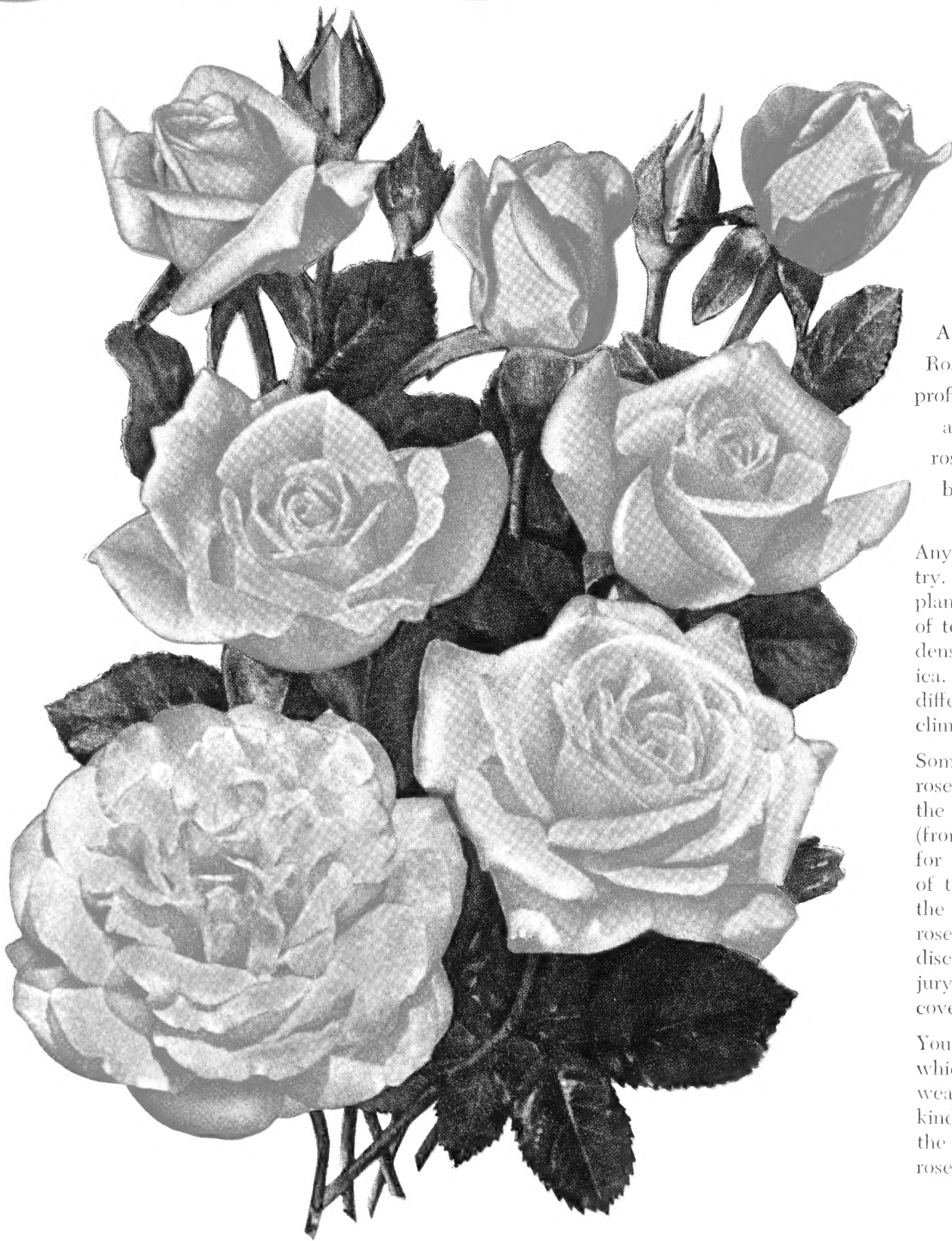


# THE ONE—THE ONLY ALL-AMERICA ROSE FOR 1956

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*Prize  
Winner*



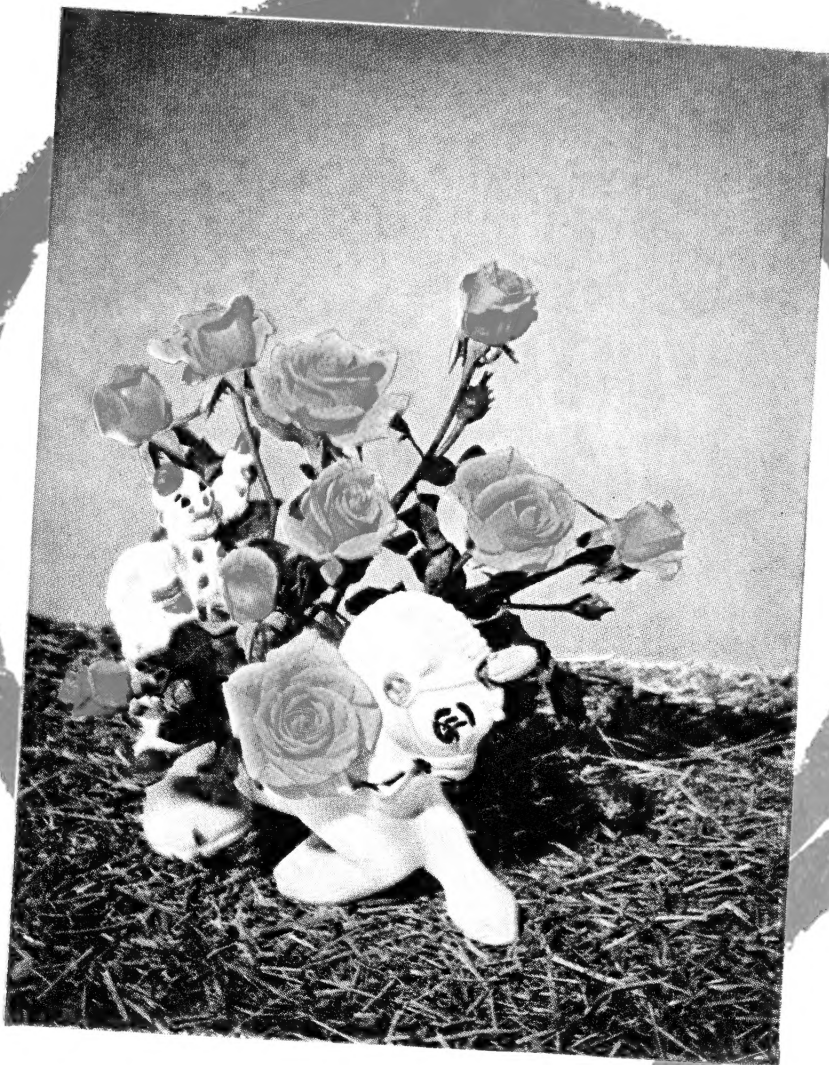
AARS stands for All-America Rose Selections, a national non-profit organization set up to test and evaluate each year's new rose varieties and to select the best for All-America Awards.

Any new rose is eligible for entry. Identified only by number, plants go through the two years of testing in 22 official test gardens located throughout America. Each garden represents a different condition of soil and climate.

Some of America's best qualified rose judges periodically score the entries on a point basis (from zero to maximum points for color, vigor, form and each of the other qualities set up in the scoring schedule), and the rose scoring highest may (at the discretion of the All-America jury) be honored with one of the coveted All-America Awards.

You can be sure that any rose which holds such an award and wears the AARS tag is a superior kind. It has come out on top in the world's most thorough test of roses.





### *Ladies and Gentlemen:*

The Armstrong Nurseries proudly presents the one and only All-America Rose Winner for 1956 . . . the fabulous Floribunda, CIRCUS. This is the first multicolored Floribunda in All-America history and the first Floribunda ever to win sole All-America honors in any year. It was a 1955 Gold Medal winner at Geneva, Switzerland, too. It's colorful, it's different, it's the most desirable new rose in years!

### *The Circus Rose*

Red, yellow, orange, pink and more!

An ever-changing color spectacle

Useful, medium size plant—vigorous, bushy

Flowers for show—and for cutting

Circus will be the feature attraction in your garden as the bright yellow and orange buds open, to ever-changing tones of yellow, buff, pink and red. The big flower clusters display all of these breath-taking hues at once in a delightful potpourri of color.

But there is more to Circus than color. The little urn-shaped buds are beautifully styled and so are the high-centered opening blooms. Their fragrance and marvelous lasting qualities make them as attractive as anything rosedom has to offer. Plant Pat. No. 1382.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each;  
25 or more, \$2.00 each.**



### *It's a Useful Floribunda*

Circus' dazzling display of color magic is set off by abundant handsome dark green foliage on a compact, well-rounded bush (2 to 2½ feet in mild areas). It makes a fine single specimen and is an ideal size for use in a border, a low hedge, or for a mass planting. Circus is a Floribunda with a multitude of uses.

*Armstrong's planting guide sent free with every shipment*



# Floribundas

These useful cluster-flowered roses are colorful in the extreme, free-flowering beyond belief, hardy to cold, vigorous, and easily cared for. Here at Armstrong's it is a great year for new Floribundas, because our three new ones—Circus (the 1956 All-America Winner), Fanfare and Wildfire—are three of the finest and most colorful we have ever seen. We've indicated the approximate size a variety reaches in our gardens. In areas with cold winters and shorter growing season plants may not reach these heights.



## *Fanfare*

Orange, salmon & pink	Luxuriantly foliaged
Large blooms, to 3 in.	Vigorous, large, to 3½ ft.
Almost continuous bloom	Rome Gold Medal, 1955

Predominantly, the color is coral-orange, but there are intriguing glints of yellow, flashes of orange, and a finishing flush of pastel pink. Fanfare boasts one of the finest plants among Floribundas with a rounded compact habit and big glossy leaves right down to the ground. When loaded with its profuse bloom (and that is most of the time) it is a glorious sight. Plant Pat. No. 1385.

**\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each;  
25 or more, \$1.80 each.**



## *Wildfire*

Dazzling scarlet	Medium plant, to 3 ft
Semi-single bloom	Wonderful for cutting
Long-lasting sprays	Vigorous, free-blooming

A hedge, border or mass planting of this new Floribunda can easily be the envy of your entire neighborhood. The flowers are large for a Floribunda, wide-flaring, semi-single, and vivid flaming scarlet. They appear in large sprays which envelop the plant. You'll find the blooms long-lasting and there are always plenty to cut. Plant Pat. No. 1381.

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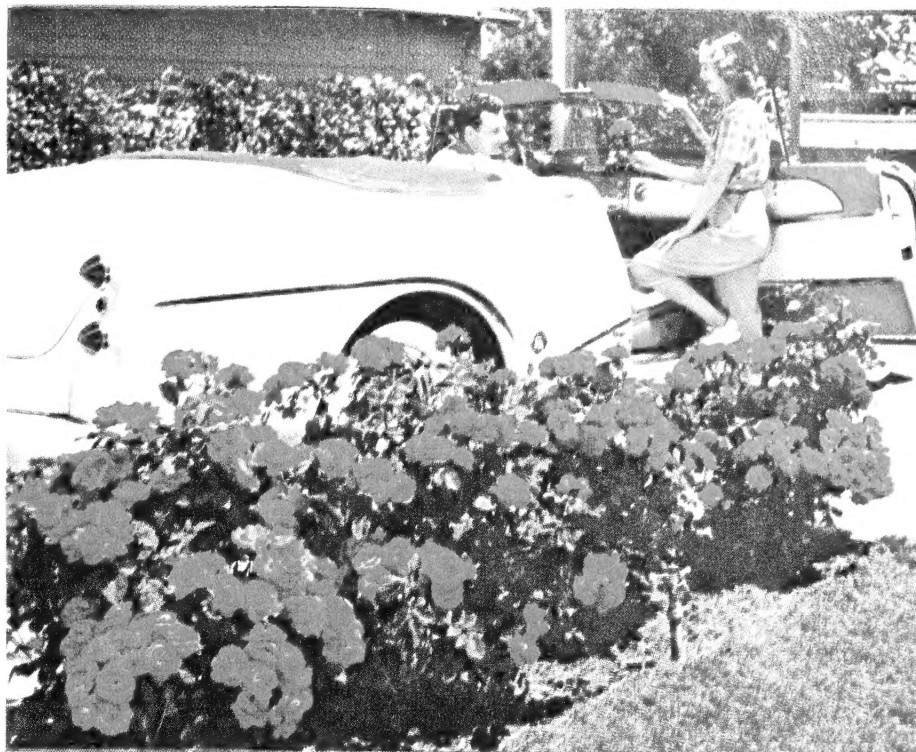
## Redcap

Bright, glowing crimson  
Very large blooms  
Large flower clusters

Vigorous, upright plant  
Grows about 3 ft. tall  
Displays inner fire

Day after day, the thickly foliaged plants will flaunt a crown of vivid bloom before your eyes. The wavy-petaled flowers gradually deepen in color to a velvety crimson which is even richer than the bright opening color. The flowers last extremely well when cut and the clusters are so large that you can cut an entire bouquet with just a couple of snips. Plant Pat. No. 1292.

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## Frolic

Clear, bright pink  
Very free-blooming  
Continuously in bloom

Compact, rounded plant  
Grows 2½ to 3 ft. tall  
Good finishing color

The huge sprays of clear deep pink buds and blooms cover the plant like a cloud—not just now and again, but almost continuously. We have never seen anything to equal it. A fine compact plant, with flower trusses nearly to the ground, make this an ideal rose for garden use. And, you never have to worry about how many flowers you cut—there will always be plenty more. Plant Pat. No. 1179.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each;  
25 or more, \$1.60 each.*





## Pinkie

Dainty, porcelain pink  
Petite, little buds  
Double, 2 in. blooms

Bushy, little plant  
Solid mounds of pink  
15 to 18 inches high

This is an entirely different Floribunda type with a bushy little plant just 15 to 18 inches high. Each spring, summer and fall, the plants are literally loaded with bloom. The slender little pink buds, perfect in every detail, open to clouds of fully double 2-inch flowers. Pinkie is marvelous for a low hedge or for lining a walk, but no matter where you plant it, it will win your affection with its continual bursts of bloom and its dainty charm. Plant Pat. No. 712.

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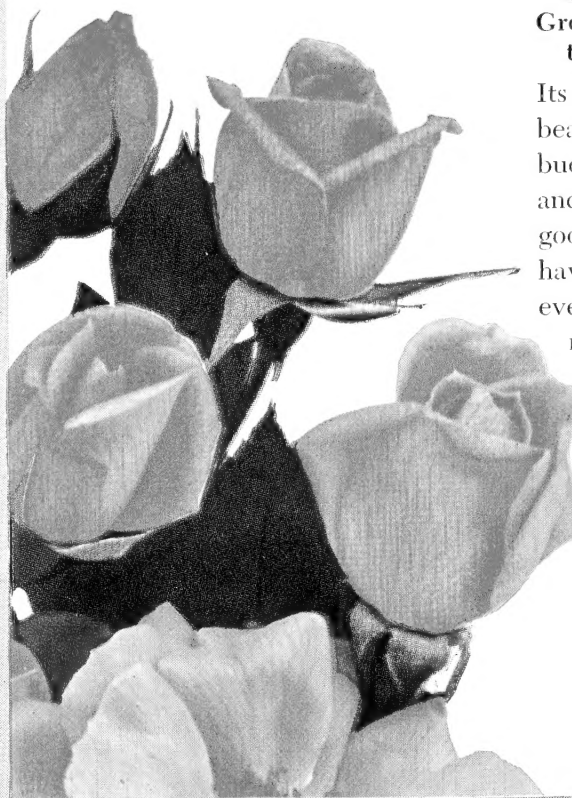
**Floribundas and Grandifloras**—The new “landscape with roses” idea is a colorful one and a particularly pleasing combination is the use of Grandifloras as a backdrop for a row or a mass planting of Floribundas. The photograph above shows you what we mean. The Grandifloras planted in back of Pinkie are Roundelays. You’ll find this variety among other Grandifloras on page 13.

## Fashion

Lively coral-peach  
Rich, unusual color  
Large to 3 in., 25 petals  
Vigorous, spreading plant  
Grows 2 to 2½ ft. tall

Its unique color, beautifully styled buds and blooms, and its universally good performance have won almost every important national and international award. Plant Pat. No. 789.

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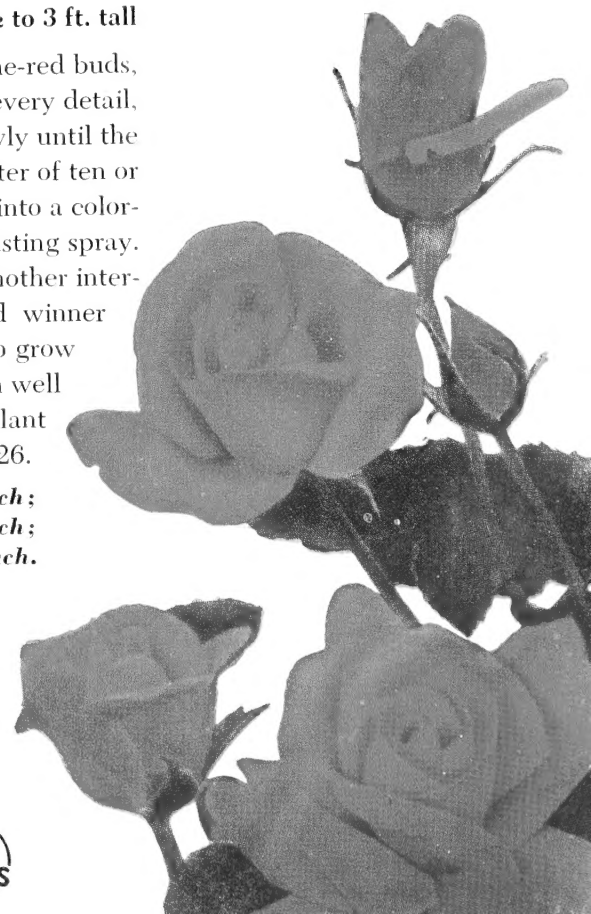
## Vogue

Flame to cherry-coral  
Perfect, little buds  
Compact, upright plant  
Grows 2½ to 3 ft. tall

The little flame-red buds, perfect in every detail, open slowly until the entire cluster of ten or more bursts into a colorful long-lasting spray.

Vogue is another international award winner which seems to grow and bloom well everywhere. Plant Pat. No. 926.

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## Jiminy Cricket

Rich coral-orange  
Lovely, little buds  
Cup-shaped blooms to 3 in.

Blooms very freely  
Vigorous, rounded plant  
Grows 2½ to 3 ft. tall

Call the color tangerine or coral-orange—by any name the color is striking. The flowers age to a still attractive salmon-orange, and from beginning to end, there is never a dull moment. Jiminy Cricket is a rose you can grow most anywhere. Your reward is a wealth of buds and blooms, each an exhibition rose in miniature. Plant Pat. No. 1346.

**\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each;  
25 or more, \$1.80 each.**



## Frensham

Deep, unfading scarlet  
Semi-double, to 3 in.  
Bright, sparkling color

Big, robust, 3 to 3½ ft.  
Vigorous—dense foliage  
Blooms prolifically

This impressive Floribunda calls England home and England can well be proud of her. She's an extremely vigorous grower, decked out with great trusses of sparkling bloom from early in the season until late.

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## China Doll

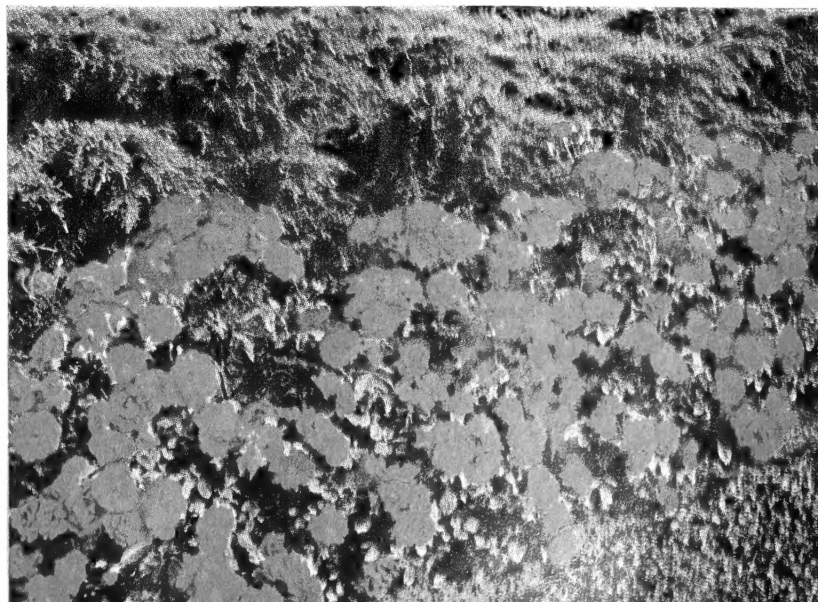
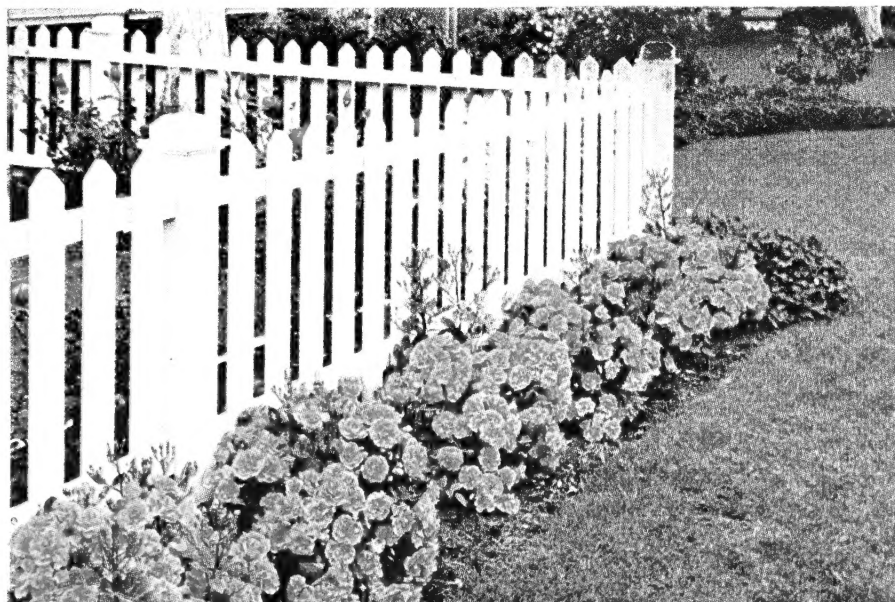
The clusters of bright pink flowers so cover the plant that you cannot see the foliage, and as one burst goes by another comes on. The plant is very dwarf (18 inches or so) making it perfect for a low hedge or border. Plant Pat. No. 678.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each;  
25 or more, \$1.60 each.**

## Valentine

It's a glowing traffic signal red with the huge clusters of bright flowers following one another in rapid succession. Low-growing (1½ to 2 ft.) it's ideal for a hedge, border, for foreground planting. Plant Pat. No. 1029.

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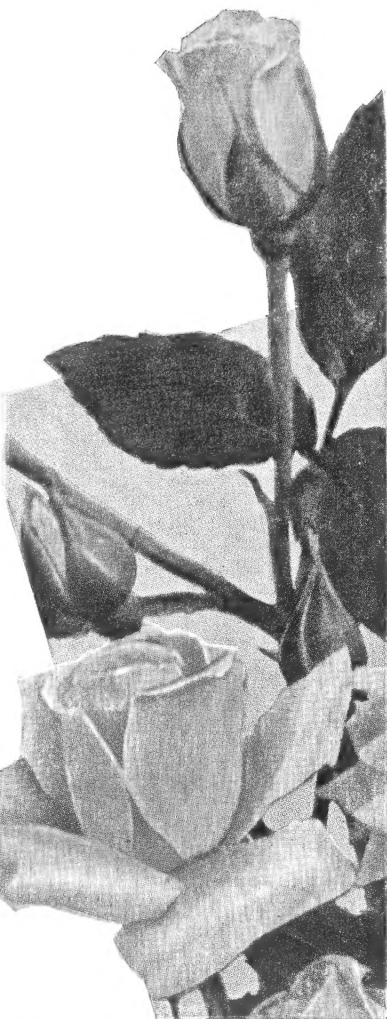


## Goldilocks

Clear, bright yellow  
Very double—2½ in.  
Free-blooming, fragrant  
Low-growing, 2 ft.

In one big cluster after another, the tightly furled little buds open slowly to fully double (40 to 45 petals), high-centered, little roses. The yellow color is rich, lasts well, and the fragrance is pleasing. It's a perfect plant for foreground, hedge or border planting. Plant Pat. No. 672.

**\$1.50 each;**  
**3 or more,**  
**\$1.30 each;**  
**25 or more,**  
**\$1.20 each.**



## Lilibet

Elfin buds and blooms with charming form and a delicate fragrance which suits their dawn-pink color. The plant is an especially good one. Bushy and vigorous, it grows about 2½ feet tall, and blooms freely. Plant Pat. No. 1209.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each;**  
**25 or more, \$1.60 each.**

## Irene of Denmark

Snowy-white  
Perfect, pointed bud  
Large, double, to 3 in.

Upright, bushy plant  
Grows about 3 ft. tall  
Fine cut flower

For size and perfection of form in both bud and bloom, this is outstanding. The big, free-blooming plant is densely clothed with small, neat foliage, and is above average in hardiness. Plant Pat. No. 889.

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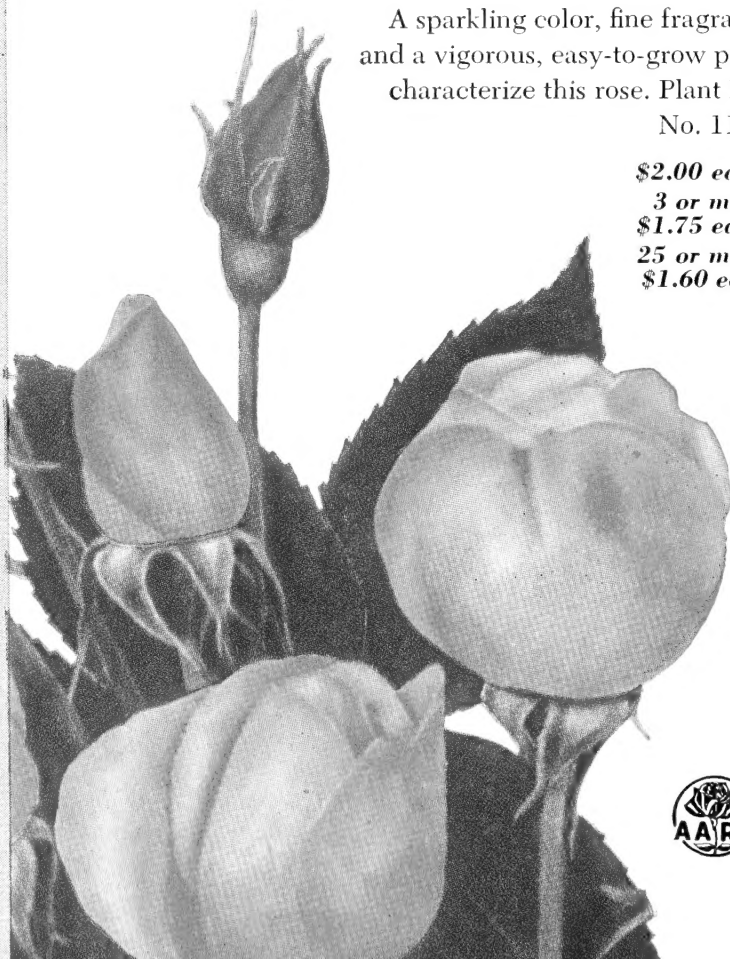
## Ma Perkins

Shell-pink & gold  
Large, 3½ in.—25 petals  
Free-blooming

Strong, bushy plant  
Grows 2½ to 3 ft. tall  
Delightfully fragrant

A sparkling color, fine fragrance and a vigorous, easy-to-grow plant characterize this rose. Plant Pat. No. 1143.

**\$2.00 each;**  
**3 or more,**  
**\$1.75 each;**  
**25 or more,**  
**\$1.60 each.**







## Carrousel

Both buds and bloom of rich sunfast red, have Hybrid Tea form and fine long stems. The big, erect plant (4 feet or so) blooms freely. In 1955, awarded the Gold Medal of the American Rose Society. Plant Pat. No. 1066.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*

## Floradora

Unique orange-scarlet  
Medium size—50 petals  
Blooms continually

Vigorous, erect plant  
Grows 3 to 4 feet  
Does well everywhere

The fancy name for the color is Nopal-Red, but whatever you call it, it is an eye catcher—rich and unusual in roses. As a good Floribunda should, the big plant blooms with gusto.

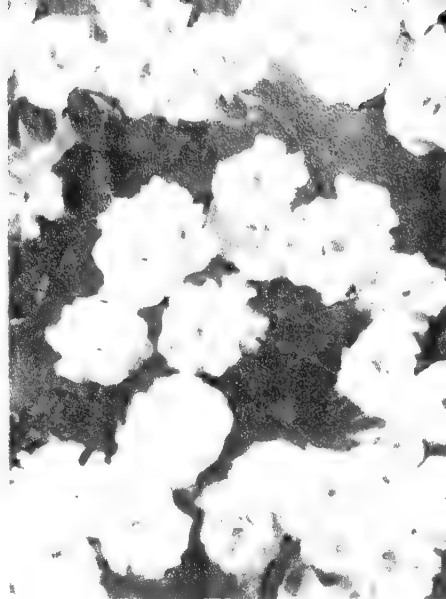
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## Summer Snow

When loaded with snow-white bloom, and it usually is, this one resembles a snowbank in your garden. The plant is low—1½ to 2 feet tall—just right for massing or a rose border. Plant Pat. No. 416.

*\$1.50 each;  
3 or more, \$1.30 each;  
25 or more, \$1.20 each.*



## Pinocchio

The clusters of dainty, cheery, little, pink blooms crowd one another as they continually vie for your attention. Each fragrant, little flower is a perfect rose garden in miniature. A husky plant 2 to 2½ ft. tall. Plant Pat. No. 484.

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## Embers

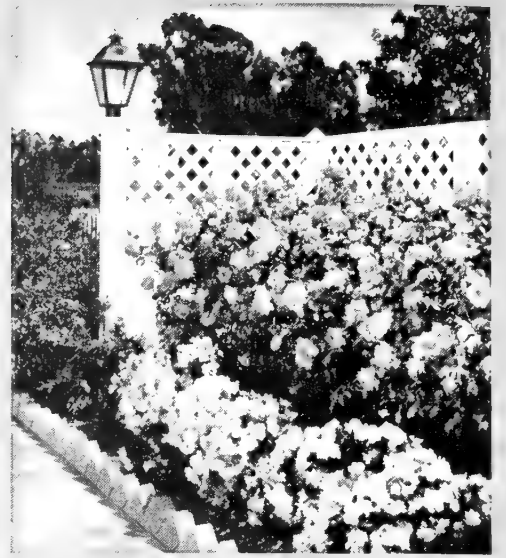
The flowers equal in brilliance the burning scarlet of a red hot coal, and the warmer the weather, the brighter they glow. The plant is vigorous with dense holly-like foliage; 3 to 4 feet tall. Plant Pat. No. 1178.

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25 or more, \$1.60 each.*



# Grandifloras

The newest rose class featuring: 1. Buds and flowers with Hybrid Tea perfection. 2. Very free-blooming with flowers in clusters but long individual stems for cutting. 3. Extremely vigorous tall growing plant. 4. The easiest of roses to grow. Grandifloras make a perfect backdrop for the formal rose garden, or for massed Floribundas (see photo at right). A single specimen may be used in place of a shrub, or a tall hedge of colorful Grandifloras is mighty attractive used in lieu of a fence.



## Montezuma

Bright scarlet-orange  
Long buds—big, double blooms  
Very tall, robust plant  
A rose for gardens everywhere

If ever a rose had special "color appeal" it is this new Armstrong Grandiflora. The bright scarlet-orange slowly changes to an attractive salmon-orange as the lovely long bud unfolds.

Typical of the Grandiflora class, the plant is extremely tall, vigorous and handsomely foliaged with a profusion of flowers in long-stemmed clusters. Winner of Geneva Gold Medal 1955. Plant Pat. No. 1383.

**\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.**



**FREE** Armstrong complete Planting Guide with every shipment of roses.





## Roundelay

Rich fiery-red  
Perfect, double bloom  
Long-lasting qualities

Tall, very robust plant  
Very free-blooming  
Delightful fragrance

In this new 1955 Armstrong Grandiflora, you get the marvelous vigor, the profusion of flowers and the bloom perfection of a true Grandiflora, but Roundelay gives you more—a dashing bright red color and a fine fragrance. The blooms are usually borne in clusters, but each is on a stout stem of cutting length. You have to look far to find a rose which will last as well as Roundelay. Plant Pat. No. 1280.

*\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.*



## Buccaneer

The brightest yellow  
in any class  
Long, tapering buds

Very tall, erect plant  
Extremely vigorous  
An all-area rose

It's the brightest, clearest, and "lastingest" yellow you've seen in any rose—veritably, sunshine in the garden. The clusters of handsome, long, streamlined buds and golden blooms are held proudly above the heads of other plants on some of the longest, strongest stems you can imagine. Plant Pat. No. 1119.

*\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.*

## Queen Elizabeth

Lovely, clear pink  
Delightfully fragrant  
Long-lasting when cut

Tall, erect plant  
Big, handsome foliage  
Grows easily everywhere

It's delightful to watch the plant shoot upward almost before your eyes and sheer joy to cut the lovely lasting blooms on long, almost thornless stems. Plant Pat. No. 1259.

*\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.*



### GRANDIFLORA COLLECTION

One plant of each of the four Grandifloras illustrated on these two pages sent postpaid anywhere in the U.S.A.

Montezuma  
Roundelay  
Buccaneer  
Queen Elizabeth

**\$9<sup>15</sup>**

(For California delivery, add 3% sales tax)



# Hybrid Teas

If your preference in roses runs to large size, and perfect form in both bud and flower—if you want fragrant roses and special colors for cutting and arranging, then you will find your garden favorite among these Hybrid Teas.

Today, 88 years after the first one was introduced, the new Hybrid Teas have more appealing colors and better habits of growth and bloom than ever. You can order any of the varieties we list and know it is a good one because each has had to prove its merit to have earned its place in this catalog.



## Charlotte Armstrong

Carmine-red to cerise  
Large flowers, to 5 in.  
Perfect, tapering buds

Vigorous, tall plant  
Mildew-resistant  
Grows well everywhere

If beauty or form could be measured, these long, streamlined buds and wavy-petaled high-centered blooms would be mighty close to perfection. Charlotte Armstrong is a light red rose which enjoys world-wide acclaim for its beauty and performance. It has won just about every important merit award for which a new rose is eligible. Many (we included) consider it the finest rose of American origin ever introduced. Plant Pat. No. 455.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*







## *Forty-Niner*

**Orient red and yellow**  
**Brightest bi-color**  
**Large, lasting blooms**

**Medium, erect plant**  
**Long, sturdy stems**  
**Grows well everywhere**

The face of the petals is vivid red while the reverse is chrome to straw yellow! The glowing combination is startling and novel enough to demand everyone's attention, and yet it is gay and pleasing, too. Even as the flowers age, the contrasting colors, in lighter shades, remain attractive until the last petal falls. Plant Pat. No. 792.

**\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.**

## *Sutter's Gold*

**Yellow—red veining**  
**Most fragrant yellow**  
**Perfect, long buds**

**Tall, vigorous plant**  
**Mildew-resistant foliage**  
**Grows well everywhere**

This was the first American rose to make a clean sweep of the top national and international awards in a single year (1950)—All-America, Bagatelle (France), Geneva (Switzerland). The beautiful tapering buds on long stout stems and the lovely high-centered opening blooms (with more fragrance than those of any other yellow rose) are truly garden treasures. Plant Pat. No. 885.

**\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.**



## *Nocturne*

**Deep, dark red**  
**Long, slender buds**  
**Big, colorfast blooms**

**Large, husky plant**  
**Long, stout stems**  
**Good in all areas**

Nocturne would deserve its high rating in every national popularity poll if only for the beautiful form in both bud and flowers and the richness of its velvety deep red color. But Nocturne outdoes most others in that it is one of the few red roses which does well in all regions. Plant Pat. No. 713.

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*The Armstrong Planting Guide is free.*



**Armstrong**

**Creations have won**

**More All-America**

**Awards**

**than the roses of any  
other breeder in the world**

To have had more All-America Winners than anyone else in the rose hybridizing field pays high tribute to the skill of the men who plan crosses, observe, and evaluate Armstrong roses long before they are entered into All-America competition. Even with the "know how" from years of experience, the average is still only one out of thousands of seedlings which promises to be better than existing kinds. Armstrong's success in the creation of superior new roses is evidenced by the fact that *thirteen Armstrong varieties* have been named All-America Winners, the highest honor given in the world's most comprehensive and exacting rose trials.



**Prize  
Winner**

This collection of five All-America Winners is literally a choice of "the best of the best." All are picked from the greatest winners in All-America history. They are our candidates for rosedom's Hall of Fame.

**Peace**

Canary, buff and pink  
Giant flowers to 6 in.  
A long-lasting beauty

Husky, medium plant  
Fine foliage & stems  
All-area rose

This is undoubtedly one of the greatest roses of all time. The opening to fully open blooms, displaying tones of yellow, cream, buff, pearly white and apple blossom, are lovely beyond what words can describe. Plant Pat. No. 591.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

**Charlotte Armstrong**

Carmine-red to cerise  
Large flowers to 5 in.  
Perfect tapering buds

Vigorous tall plant  
Mildew resistant  
Grows well everywhere

Year after year the public acclaims it "Queen of them

*Peace*



*Charlotte  
Armstrong*



all." Among light red roses, it enjoys world-wide acclaim for its outstanding beauty and performance. The finest rose of American origin ever introduced. Plant Pat. No. 455.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

**Helen Traubel**

Luminous apricot-pink  
Perfect blooms to 6 in.  
Delightfully fragrant

Tall robust plant  
Large handsome foliage  
Easy to grow anywhere

Exquisite long tapering buds and beautifully formed opening blooms of warm pink and luminous apricot. Helen Traubel, like its namesake, is a rose which will make music in any garden. Plant Pat. No. 1028.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**



*Helen  
Traubel*



*Mojave*



*Chrysler*



*Armstrong's  
All-America Collection*

***Mojave***

Glowing sunset-orange  
Long tapering buds

The big rose star of 1954, Mojave was the Grand Slam Winner of the most important national and international awards. It is the finest orange colored rose ever introduced. Plant Pat. No. 1176.

***\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.***

Vigorous medium plant  
Does well everywhere

***Chrysler***

A red red rose  
Extremely fragrant

The All-America choice for 1953 is a rose which you will delight in displaying in your home or in any rose show. As the big very double bloom slowly opens, it fills the air with rich fragrance. Plant Pat. No. 1167.

***\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.***

Strong medium plant  
The rose for all areas

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*Charlotte Armstrong Memorial  
Rose Garden at Ontario*

## *La Jolla*

Pink and gold  
Large, 5 in. flower  
A perfect bud

Big, husky plant  
Handsome foliage  
Blooms freely

Pronounced La Hoya, it is truly a jewel-like rose with its delightful long pointed buds and high-centered wavy-petaled blooms. But its greatest charm is in the opalescent quality of its delicate pastel coloring. The pointed petals of soft pink veined and flushed with deeper pink re-curve gracefully from the cream and gold heart of the flower. This one will give you some of the earliest and loveliest blooms of the season. Plant Pat. No. 1103.

**\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.**



## *Mirandy*

Richest red  
Huge—very double  
Extremely fragrant

Medium plant  
Vigorous and  
free-branching

There is such a wealth of rich, full-bodied perfume in the huge full blooms of deep glowing red that you'll look forward to sniffing each one as it opens. Cool foggy weather may thwart you, but when the sun shines warmly, Mirandy is unbeatable in the garden or as a cut flower. Plant Pat. No. 632.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**





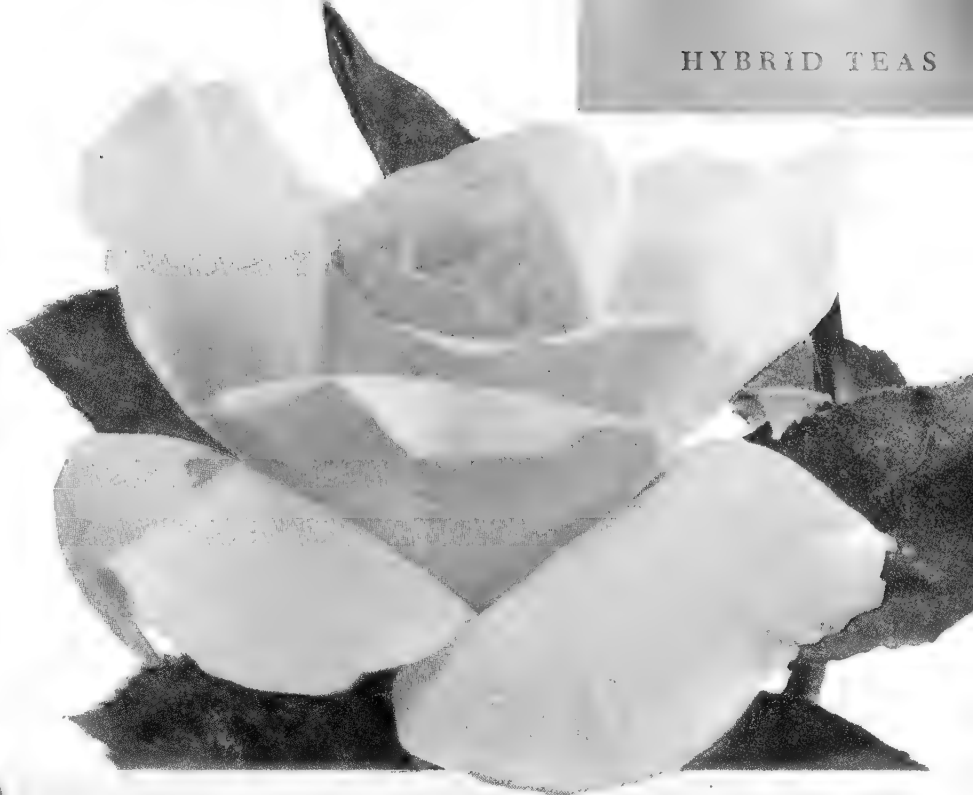
## Chief Seattle

Buff and old gold  
Large, double blooms  
Long-lasting when cut

Big, robust plant  
Dark, luxuriant foliage  
Long, strong stems

The rich buff-apricot coloring is most intense in cool moist regions, or during the fall months. Spring and summer flowers may be considerably lighter than shown in the illustration. But in every area, spring, summer or fall, the buds and flowers are beautifully formed, heavy-textured and lasting. It is a pleasure to grow a handsome plant like this one, wherever you live. Plant Pat. No. 1030.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*



## New Yorker

Unfading, bright red  
Superbly fragrant

Medium, spreading plant  
Good in all areas

Knowing rose growers from coast to coast continually rank this high on the list of red roses because it does well in all areas. It's a fragrant red rose which stays red until the last petal drops. Who could ask for more? Plant Pat. No. 823.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*

## Show Girl

Deep rose-pink  
Huge, yet perfect buds  
Long-lasting when cut

Exhibition form  
Vigorous, erect plant  
Does well everywhere

If you like a rose from which to cut the biggest and longest, yet the most perfect buds imaginable, then plant Show Girl. The striking buds will unfold into big double flowers with broad heavy-textured petals, which are just as lovely. Wherever you grow roses, in cool areas or warm, foggy or sunny, Show Girl will flourish. Plant Pat. No. 646.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*





## *Peace*

Canary, buff and pink  
Giant flowers to 6 in.  
A long-lasting beauty

Spreading, medium height  
Fine foliage and stems  
An all-area rose

It is impossible to show in a single color plate, the beauty of form in the opening and spectacular wide open bloom, nor can all the delicate changing colors be shown—canary-yellow, pale gold, cream, pearly white and apple blossom. Peace richly deserves its world-wide reputation as one of the greatest roses of all time. Plant Pat. No. 591.

*\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.*

## *Mojave*

Glowing, sunset orange  
Long, tapering buds  
Very free blooming

Erect, medium height  
Long, stout stems  
Does well everywhere

The big rose star of 1954, Mojave was the "Grand Slam" Winner of the most important national and international rose awards—All-America (U.S.), Bagatelle (France), Geneva (Switzerland). With a cool weather color that matches brilliantly the oranges, reds and vermilions of a desert sunset, we think Mojave is the finest orange colored rose ever introduced. Plant Pat. No. 1176.

*\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.*







## *Bravo*

Brilliant, reddest red  
Big, double, 5 in. bloom

Unfading in heat  
Low to medium plant

The big, high-centered, long-lasting blooms with their broad, wavy petals and dazzling color are close to perfection. You won't get a great big robust plant quickly, but when the sun shines warmly and other red kinds get the "blues," Bravo will continue to knock your eye out with more and brighter color than ever. Plant Pat. No. 983.

*\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.*

## *Helen Traubel*

Luminous apricot-pink  
Perfect blooms, to 6 in.  
Delightfully fragrant

Tall, robust plant  
Large, handsome foliage  
Easy-to-grow anywhere

More and more, Helen Traubel is being proclaimed, "The finest pink rose." You need only to see it grow and bloom like magic in your garden and to watch your first bouquet of exquisite, long tapering buds open into big, fragrant, warm colored blooms, to know why. Our guess is that it will be your favorite, too. Plant Pat. No. 1028.

*\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.*



*Helen Traubel and J. Audry Armstrong admire rose named for her*





## *First Love*

Soft, dawn pink  
Loveliest of buds  
Blooms very freely

Strong, medium plant  
Fine foliage & stems  
An all-area rose

Exquisite and graceful, the long, slender buds in their delicate pastels of pink have made this rose the "first love" in many gardens. There is grace, beauty, and long-lasting substance in the opening flowers, too. A strong growing plant which produces flowers singly on near-ideal stems, makes a perfect ensemble. Plant Pat. No. 921.

*\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.*



## *Heart's Desire*

Bright, luminous red  
Fine, large bloom, 5 in.

Intense, rich fragrance  
Willowy, medium plant

There is great beauty in the form of the lovely buds and in the clarity of the rich luminous red color. Occasionally there will be a weak stem, but who can resist a red red rose with such a wealth of intoxicating perfume—especially one which lasts as well as this when cut. Plant Pat. No. 501.

*\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.*







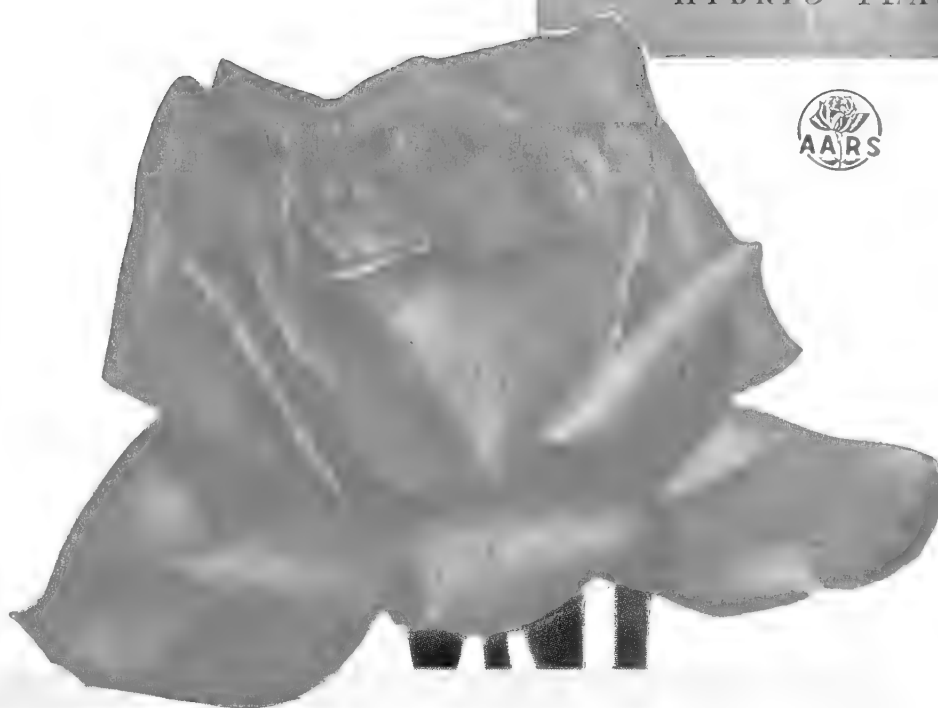
## *Tiffany*

Clear, soft pink  
Big, double, 5-in. bloom  
Alluring fragrance

Medium, upright plant  
Mildew resistant  
An all-area rose

The long, graceful, phlox-pink buds, each on a long stout stem, are all anyone could ask for. But you get an extra bonus with Tiffany—the opening blooms with their sparkling pink color, beauty of form, lasting qualities and rich fragrance are even lovelier than the bud. Plant Pat. No. 1304.

**\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.**



## *Fred Howard*

Pale yellow and pink  
Very double bloom, 5 in.  
Fine lasting qualities

Vigorous, tall plant  
Long, strong stems  
Grows well everywhere

This rose reaches its greatest glory in the opening and fully opened blooms of buff and pale yellow, flushed pink at the edge of each petal. The 50 or so broad petals unfold slowly into a huge long-lasting beauty. An outstanding variety for cutting. Plant Pat. No. 1006.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**



## *Juno*

Clear, bright pink  
Big, very double blooms  
Low, spreading plant  
Heavy, leathery leaves

In this rose you will find large size, clear color, perfection of form, and lasting substance combined to a remarkable degree. Don't expect a great profusion of bloom, but do expect that almost every rose you cut will be a beauty—a real exhibition flower. Plant Pat. No. 895.

**\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.**





*Charlotte  
Armstrong*



*Helen Traubel*



*Roundelay*



*Buccaneer*



*Mojave*

# *The Famous Armstrong* **BIG TEN**

## *Charlotte Armstrong*

Long, tapering buds and magnificent open flowers of carmine-red to cerise. It is our finest rose. Plant Pat. No. 455.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

## *Helen Traubel*

Lovely form in both bud and flower with a delightful warmth to its luminous apricot-pink coloring. Fragrance and a big easy-to-grow plant are extras. Plant Pat. No. 1028.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

## *Roundelay*

New, vivid red Armstrong Grandiflora. The extremely tall, vigorous plant will give you myriads of fragrant, long-lasting blooms, each one perfect. Plant Pat. No. 1280.

**\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.**

## *Buccaneer*

Another fine Armstrong Grandiflora with long buds and brilliant flowers of rich non-fading yellow. Grows extremely tall and erect. Plant Pat. No. 1119.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

## *Mojave*

The lovely long buds and lasting open flowers display the brilliant orange tones, reds and vermilions of a desert sunset. Plant Pat. No. 1176.

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### **THE ARMSTRONG FIVE**

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**IT'S A PERFECT ROSE GARDEN.** Each year we select 10 of the finest roses from our entire list—kinds which are outstanding for color, vigor, and general garden performance. By planting the "Big 10" you will have a rose garden of which you can be very proud and that's not all—you save substantially over ordering the same varieties individually.

### *Chrysler*

A sparkling red red rose with exhibition form and plenty of rich, heady fragrance. Plant Pat. No. 1167.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *Peace*

The flowers are huge and long-lasting in delicate pastel tints of yellow, pale gold, cream, pearly white, and apple blossom. Deservedly ranks as one of the great roses of all time. Plant Pat. No. 591.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *Nocturne*

Long, perfectly formed buds and big velvety dark red blooms. It's one of the best red roses for all areas. Plant Pat. No. 713.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

### *First Love*

Extremely long, graceful buds are just about the finest in rosedom. No other color but this delicate dawn pink would be appropriate for these buds and flowers. Plant Pat. No. 921.

**\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.**

### *Sutter's Gold*

Perfect long, yellow buds shot with orange, and big golden flowers with more rich fragrance than any other yellow rose. Plant Pat. No. 885.

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*Chrysler*



*Peace*



*Nocturne*



*First Love*

*Sutter's Gold*

## *Dainty Bess*

Clear, warm pink  
Dainty, single bloom  
Marvelous for cutting

Tall, vigorous plant  
Good foliage & stems  
Good in all areas

Single roses are charming whether you find them in the garden or in a vase arrangement, and Dainty Bess is deservedly "Queen of the singles." The large five-petaled flowers are a warm suntan pink, accented at the center by a tuft of maroon stamens. They last a long time when cut.

*\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.*



## *Chrysler*

A red, red rose  
Very double, to 5 in.  
Extremely fragrant

Strong, medium plant  
Good foliage & stems  
A rose for all areas

It takes a glowing crimson color like this to qualify a rose for most everyone's ideal. And, in addition to color, here is fine form in both bud and flower that will bring joy to the heart of any gardener or exhibitor. The 50 or so crisp wide petals have a lot of substance so that they last extremely well when cut. Stout stems hold the blooms proudly erect so that you can easily sniff the rich heady fragrance. Plant Pat. No. 1167.

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## Lowell Thomas

Clear canary-yellow  
Large flower, to 4 in.  
Blooms very freely

Medium, upright plant  
Good foliage & stems  
An all-area rose

The long graceful buds and high-cupped open blooms with 25 or so, thick, lasting petals are doubly attractive because of the clarity of their rich yellow coloring. Lowell Thomas is a variety which runs high in the national merit polls. Plant Pat. No. 595.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*



## Taffeta

Pink, carmine & orange  
Double bloom, 4 in.  
Produces freely

Vigorous, medium plant  
Long, stout stems  
Bronzy new growth

Every change in the weather will bring subtle differences in coloring and delightful new combinations of pink, red, yellow and even bronze. Plant Pat. No. 716.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*



## Applause

Clear light red  
Double bloom, 4 in.  
Very heavy bloomer

Strong, medium plant  
Compact, free-branching  
Mildew resistant

You will be particularly fond of this as a cutting rose because the free-branching plant produces an amazing succession of flowers and each well formed, brightly colored bloom has remarkable lasting qualities. Plant Pat. No. 829.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*



## Fiesta

Red striped yellow  
Unusual and novel

Low-spreading plant  
A modest grower

As gay as its namesake, something unique and different for your rose garden. You'll have to give the plants a little extra water and fertilizer to get extra growth, but the flowers are worth it. Plant Pat. No. 389.

*\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.*





## Tallyho

Phlox-pink & crimson  
Very double, to 4 in.  
Richly fragrant

Tall, vigorous plant  
Does well everywhere  
Hardier than average

Here is an unusual combination in a rose—all the desirable features of the Hybrid Tea class and a color that is distinctively different. It is a bicolor with the face of the petals rich pink and the reverse, cardinal-red. The big bushy plant produces prolifically magnificent fully double blooms on husky stems. Plant Pat. No. 828.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*



## Mme. Chiang Kai-shek

Pale lemon-yellow  
Lovely long buds  
Spicily scented

Tall erect plant  
Sturdy long stems  
Grows well everywhere

The big, yet graceful, pale yellow buds open to huge, high-centered flowers of creamy ivory (near white in warm weather). Nearly every bloom is borne singly on a stem which would put a hothouse rose to shame. Plant Pat. No. 664.

*\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.*

## Debonair

Primrose yellow  
Very double, to 4 in.  
Pleasantly fragrant

Vigorous, medium plant  
Handsome foliage  
Mildew resistant

Morning after morning, you will have jaunty, tight-rolled buds to cut—or to enjoy in the garden. Whether you cut them or not, the buds will open out to high-centered, many-petaled, lasting blooms brimful of rich rose fragrance. Plant Pat. No. 677.

*\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.*





## Capistrano

Clear rose-pink  
Big, double bloom—5 in.  
Delightfully fragrant

Tall robust plant  
Fine foliage—big stems  
Good in all areas

Everything about it is large—the well-formed buds, the big full bloom, with 30 or so firm, long-lasting petals, and the great big vigorous plant. It's a fine, dependable rose which holds its clear color. Plant Pat. No. 922.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*



## Fandango

Flashing orange-red  
Large ruffled bloom

Tall, vigorous plant  
Does well everywhere

For brilliant eye-catching color, earliness and continuity of bloom, we think Fandango is unbeatable. True, it lacks the petalage to make it an ideal exhibition bloom (especially during hot weather), but it outshines most varieties in its ability to keep the garden continually aglow with color. Plant Pat. No. 894.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*

## Mission Bells

Clear shrimp-pink  
Large, double, to 5 in.

Big, strong plant  
Grows well everywhere

A fine "solid" rose in the deep pink class. The tightly furled buds are long pointed and attractive, while each open bloom on its long sturdy stem is lovely and long-lasting. Plant Pat. No. 923.

*\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.*



## President Herbert Hoover

Flame, scarlet & yellow  
Giant double to 6 in.  
Delightfully fragrant

Huge, tall plant  
Tremendous stems  
Easily grown everywhere

A popular old favorite, its huge blooms of cerise, pink, flame, scarlet and yellow, still rate among the best of the multicolors. The plant grows fast and gets very large, so allow room for it.

*\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.*



# The Thrifty Six

Here are six great roses at a price to fit every budget—they're famous roses which have proved their merit everywhere in the country. Soon after you plant them you will have a complete rose garden and will be cutting gorgeous blooms in a variety of colors.

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Every plant is a big husky Armstrong bare root rose shipped at proper planting time for your area.

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## Countess Vandal

Salmon-pink

Double blooms to 4 in.

Fine fragrance

Blooms consistently

Upright—medium height

Grows well everywhere

You'll look forward each spring to the continual succession of lovely, long buds shading from salmon-pink to copper and gold, which open to big, long-lasting, fragrant flowers on fine stems.

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## Crimson Glory

Velvety dark red

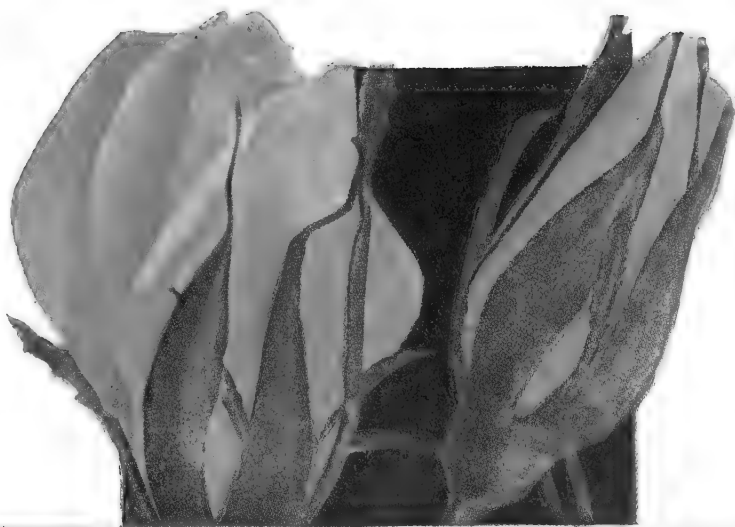
Big very double bloom

Richly fragrant

Low spreading plant

In any of the national polls, which rate roses by their performance, you'll usually find Crimson Glory near the top of the list. The perfect urn-shaped buds open into big flowers of velvety rich red shaded with maroon. Just about as richly fragrant as any rose that grows.

**\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.**



## *Eclipse*

Bright golden yellow  
Striking long buds

Strong erect plant  
Good coast to coast

You will find yourself going to it again and again to cut the fragrant, exquisitely beautiful buds. They are classics of bud form and often more than two inches long.

*\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.*

## *Etoile de Hollande*

Glowing crimson  
Medium size—double

Richly fragrant  
Vigorous medium plant

Countrywide, day in and day out, this is one of the best of the roses with a really RED color. It is a rose that holds its color, too—right down to the last petal.

*\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.*



## *Mrs. E. P. Thom*

Clear canary-yellow  
Medium size—double

Vigorous medium plant  
Good in all areas

You will prize every long pointed bud and full double open bloom for lovely form, clear color and fragrance. Often this one is at its best when others have passed the peak of spring bloom.

*\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.*

## *Picture*

Warm clear pink  
Perfect buds & blooms

Medium height  
Does well everywhere

Our color plate falls far short in depicting the delicacy and warmth of the pink color with its rich undertone of salmon. Each flower is heavy-petaled and long-lasting when cut.

*\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.*







## Mme. Henri Guillot

Flame to raspberry-pink  
Large, double bloom 5 in.  
Very fragrant

Husky, medium plant  
Beautiful shiny foliage  
An all-area rose

It's a delightful experience to watch the tight bud become increasingly more graceful as it opens into a large, brilliantly colored bloom of 25 or so petals. The plant is one of the most handsome in rosedom—its shining light green foliage and fine stems complement the bloom perfectly. Plant Pat. No. 337.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

## Hybrid Tea Roses (not illustrated)

### McGredy's Ivory

Ivory-white buds and large many-petaled flowers of pure white. The medium size plant is vigorous and free-blooming.

**\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.**

### Radiance

Popular for over 40 years. It never fails to display big, silvery-pink, fragrant flowers on long stems. Robust and healthy, it thrives everywhere.

**\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.**

### Red Radiance

Exactly the same as its sister, Radiance, except that the flowers are rich cerise-red.

**\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.**

### Snowbird

Exquisite, flaring white buds and snowy, medium size, high-centered flowers. Nearly always in bloom.

**\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.**

### Texas Centennial

The "Red Hoover." Just like President Hoover, it makes amazing growth and displays huge buds and flowers. The color is bright glowing carmine-red.

**\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.**

### Talisman

A long-time favorite in gardens and as a florist's cut bloom. The buds are exquisite and the open flowers of orange, scarlet and golden yellow have an unbeatable fragrance.

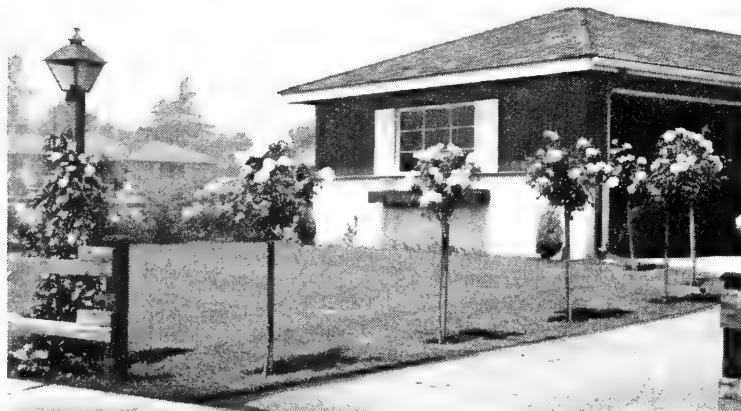
**\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.**

### Frau Karl Druschki (Hybrid Perpetual)

Snowy-white roses are scarce and this old-timer is still one of the best. The bush is very vigorous with arching canes often to 6 feet or more in a single season. Give it lots of room.

**\$1.50 each; 3 or more, \$1.30 each.**

# Tree Roses



For lining a walk or a drive, or for a formal accent, tree roses are especially useful. The bushy head on its straight 3-foot trunk blooms freely.

To ship tree roses safely requires special packing for shipment by common carrier. For this, we make a charge of 50¢ per tree rose. Transportation charges are prepaid.

**Prices on all bare root tree roses: \$5.00 each; \$45.00 per 10. Ten assorted tree roses sold at the 10-rate.**

**Charlotte Armstrong** Exquisite buds and brilliant cerise flowers. Our finest rose.

**Chrysler** 1953 All-America Winner. A beautifully formed and delightfully fragrant red rose.

**Circus** All-America Winner for 1956. A distinctive Floribunda featuring perfect form and intriguing displays of changing reds, yellows, orange and pink tones.

**Fanfare** New Armstrong Floribunda. Coral-orange with flashes of orange, yellow and pastel pink.

**First Love** The loveliest buds—delicate pink.

**Helen Traubel** 1952 All-America Winner. Lovely buds and blooms of apricot-pink.

**La Jolla** Pastel tints from pink to old-gold.

**Lowell Thomas** Rich gold and yellow.

**Mojave** All-America Winner 1954. The finest orange colored rose of all.

**Montezuma** New for 1956—striking scarlet-orange Grandiflora.

**Nocturne** Cardinal red with darker shadings.

**Peace** Yellow, buff, cream and pink.

**Roundelay** Brilliant red Grandiflora.

**Snowbird** Dainty blooms of pure snowy-white.

**Sutter's Gold** Beautiful form—the most fragrant of yellows.

**Wildfire** 1956 Armstrong Floribunda. Semi-single of flashing scarlet.

# Climbing Roses

When it comes to staging a grand show—a spectacle of garden color, few plants can equal the climbing roses. They need only a few square feet of garden space for their root system, and in return for ordinary care, they will reward you generously. You can have a fence, trellis or arbor aglow with spring color—cover a wall or unsightly place with masses of luxuriant foliage studded with hundreds of colorful blooms. Whether you need a large growing kind, one more modest, an everblooming type, any color—there is one to suit your needs among these.



*Everblooming  
Climber—  
High Noon*

Most of the climbers listed below are sports of famous Hybrid Teas—many described elsewhere in this catalog. They thrive in the Southern States and along the Pacific Coast, but in regions of sub-zero temperatures, all except those captioned hardy, will probably require special winter protection.

## *The Banksias*

Rampant old-time climber, spreads everywhere. Festooned each spring with masses of small button-like flowers. Absolutely thornless. We have *Banksia White* and *Banksia Yellow*.

**\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.**

## *The Cherokees*

Old-fashioned single-flowered rose. Left unpruned, will ramble informally over a fence or wall. Fine shiny green foliage and clouds of flowers in the spring. We have *Pink Cherokee*, *Red Cherokee*, and *White Cherokee*.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

## *Climbing Cecile Brunner*

This famous old Polyanthus is hard to beat for a show of color. The dainty little rose-pink buds and huge clusters literally cover the plant. A strong-growing plant of medium size.

**\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.**

## *Climbing Charlotte Armstrong*

This is one of the best and the most popular climbers on our entire list with the same long exquisitely formed buds and the same cerise color which have made the bush form of Charlotte Armstrong an international favorite. Big, strong-growing. Plant Pat. No. 523.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

## *Climbing Dainty Bess*

Imagine having a big, robust climbing plant literally covered with hundreds of dainty, suntan-pink flowers—the same graceful, long-lasting blooms that you cut from the bush form of Dainty Bess.

**\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.**

## *Climbing Etoile de Hollande*

The big, good-looking plant will cover a lot of space and at the same time display some of the loveliest red buds and fragrant colorfast blooms that you will find on any rose plant.

**\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.**



*Charlotte Armstrong*



*Climbing Pinkie*



*Climbing Picture*

## *Climbing Roses*

### *Climbing Forty-niner*

These blooms will cause a lot of excitement. The face of the petals is vivid crimson while the reverse is chrome to straw-yellow. A big fast-growing plant with flowers on long stems for cutting. Plant Pat. No. 1094.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *Climbing Goldilocks*

A climbing sport of the bright yellow Floribunda. Grows 6 to 10 feet tall and is crowded with big clusters of small double bright yellow blooms almost continuously. Plant Pat. No. 1090.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *Climbing Lowell Thomas*

It's a great big fast-growing plant with the same long buds and lovely flowers of rich yellow which have made the bush form of Lowell Thomas a nationwide favorite. P. A. F.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *Climbing Nocturne*

This large fast-growing climbing sport has the same lovely buds and flowers of deep dark red as the bush form, only you will get many more of them. Plant Pat. No. 1088.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *Climbing Peace*

The large robust plant with its thick mantle of shining green foliage is a lovely sight when studded with the lovely cream, gold and pink blooms. It's one of the world's great roses. Plant Pat. No. 932.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

### *Climbing Picture*

Hundreds of beautiful, long-stemmed, perfect buds and flowers, each a "perfect picture" in clear rose-pink. The plant is big and vigorous. Plant Pat. No. 524.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

### *Climbing Pinkie*

Most everyone has a garden spot where a thickly foliated 6 to 8 foot plant like this one is just right. In spring you will have to look hard to see the foliage under the cloud of delightful pink bloom—the same perfect little buds and flowers which won an All-America Award for the bush Pinkie. Unlike most other climbers, this one continues to flower from spring until fall. Plant Pat. No. 1076.

**\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.**

### *Climbing Show Girl*

Just like the bush form of this famous Armstrong variety, it features huge perfect buds and flowers of deep pink. A big robust plant. Plant Pat. No. 892.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

### *Climbing Snowbird*

Exquisite, flaring, white buds and snowy many-petaled, high centered flowers. The vigorous medium plant blooms with great freedom.

**\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.**

### *Climbing Sutter's Gold*

It is a large vigorous climber which covers itself with long pointed buds and the most fragrant of golden blooms. Plant Pat. No. 1185.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *Climbing Talisman*

Marvelous urn-shaped buds and lovely red-gold flowers keep this old-timer a favorite. Big robust plant.

**\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.**



### *Climbing Texas Centennial*

The long, brick-red buds and huge open flowers are even larger and more lovely than on the bush form. Very large and fast-growing. Plant Pat. No. 565.

**\$2.00 each; 3 or more, \$1.75 each.**

### *High Noon*

Both buds and open flowers are rich yellow which holds until the last petal drops. High Noon does not stop after its big spring show, but continues blooming throughout the rest of the season. A pillar type, it grows to 8 or 10 feet, and the thick shining green foliage is almost evergreen in mild areas. May be cut back by frost in coldest areas, but usually comes right back with 5 or 6 feet of growth and it flowers immediately. Plant Pat. No. 704. (Illustrated on page 33.)

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *Mermaid*

Grow it as a climber or as a ground cover. Nearly always, the medium spreading plant with its fine foliage (evergreen in mild areas) is studded with big single flowers of pale sulfur-yellow.

**\$2.25 each; 3 or more, \$2.00 each.**

### *Mona Lisa*

The allure of this new Armstrong climber for 1956 lies in the huge size of the blooms (up to 5 in.). Each one is a high-centered beauty with many firm lasting petals of dainty warm pink and an enchanting fragrance. Growing only about 10 to 12 feet tall, the plant is a luxuriantly foliaged pillar type—one which puts on a great show of bloom in the spring. But unlike most climbers, Mona Lisa continues to bloom modestly until late fall. P. A. F.

**\$2.75 each; 3 or more, \$2.40 each.**

### *Renae*

This is a graceful willowy plant with canes to 10 feet or so. There is almost never a thorn and the shining green foliage is practically evergreen in mild areas. In the spring the plant is literally covered with double blooms of lavender-pink, about 2½ inches across. Renae is another everblooming kind which follows the big spring show with a continuous display of buds and blooms until late fall. Plant Pat. No. 893.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

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## *Hardy Climbers*

### *Climbing Crimson Glory*

The big spreading plant displays big flowers of velvety crimson with a wonderful fragrance. Plant Pat. No. 736.

**\$2.50 each; 3 or more, \$2.20 each.**

### *New Dawn*

Each spring the big plant is covered with masses of fragrant blush-pink blooms, and it continues right on blooming until the first hard frost. Big, very vigorous plant.

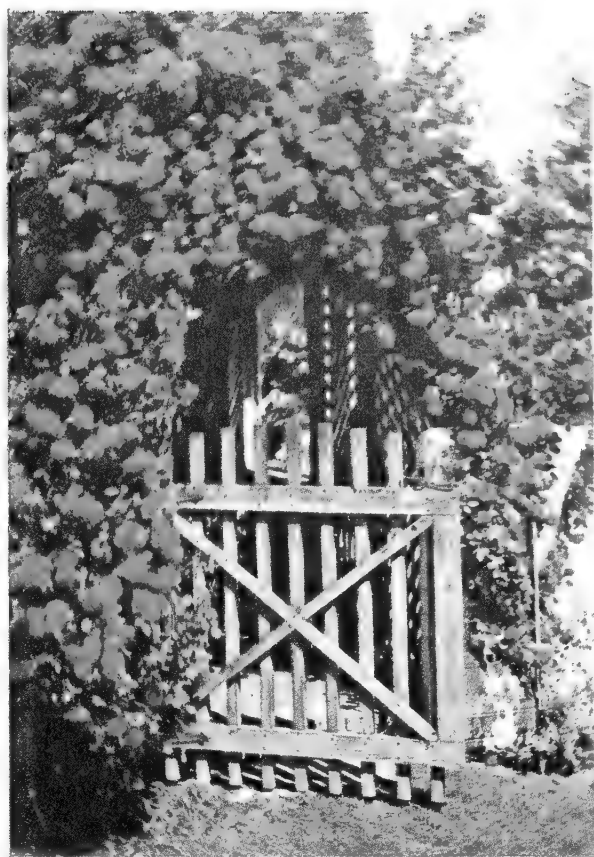
**\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.**

### *Paul's Scarlet*

This favorite puts on a spectacular spring show no matter where you plant it. The clusters of brightly colored scarlet flowers cover the plant like a sheet of flame. Husky medium plant.

**\$1.75 each; 3 or more, \$1.55 each.**

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*Paul's Scarlet*

*Mona Lisa*





## Transvaal Daisies

Among the loveliest and most graceful flowers are the Gerberas (Transvaal Daisies). Straw-yellow, pink, orange and brilliant scarlet, the showy flowers keep bursting out all summer long, nodding on stout 18-inch stems. They are very long-lasting and fine for cutting. Shipped for spring planting. Need sunny well-drained spot. Mixed colors only. Big bare root divisions.

**3 for \$1.25; 6 for \$2.15; 12 for \$3.85.**



## Ranunculus & Anemones

### Ranunculus Tecolote Giant

"Tecolote" Ranunculus, in the brightest of reds, oranges, yellows, and even whites, are the gayest and cheeriest of cut flowers. These are almost 100 per cent double and 2 or more inches across—the biggest and best bulbs money can buy, 1 in. and up.

**12 for \$2.90; 25 for \$4.85.**

### Anemones, Monarch De'Caen

The finest of all Anemones are these giant, long-stemmed single, saucer-shaped flowers in the brightest shades of rose, red, blue, purple, and lavender imaginable. They are long-lasting and a favorite for cutting with everyone. Largest premium grade bulbs, 7/8 to 1 inch.

**12 for \$2.40; 25 for \$3.95.**

### Anemones and Ranunculus Collection

For something very colorful and pleasing, plant Anemones with the crinkly, gaily colored Ranunculus.

**25 of each, all top grade bulbs, for \$8.15.**

*Late fall planting is best in the south and other mild areas. In colder states, bulbs are shipped for spring planting and bloom later.*

**Ranunculus (above)  
Anemones (left)**



## Rose Potpourri

### Old-Fashioned Sweet Jar

We have rose petals—millions of them—and we've combined the most fragrant kinds with sweet smelling spices to fill an old-fashioned "Sweet Jar." The jar, 5½ inches tall, is a special creation which will fit right in with any decorative scheme.

Comes in a choice of colors:

**green, columbine blue,  
rose-pink and black.**

Shipped anywhere in the United States postpaid.

**\$4<sup>95</sup>**

*It's a gift no one could ever forget. It can be shipped for any occasion.*



## Luscious Strawberries

### ROCKHILL NO. 24

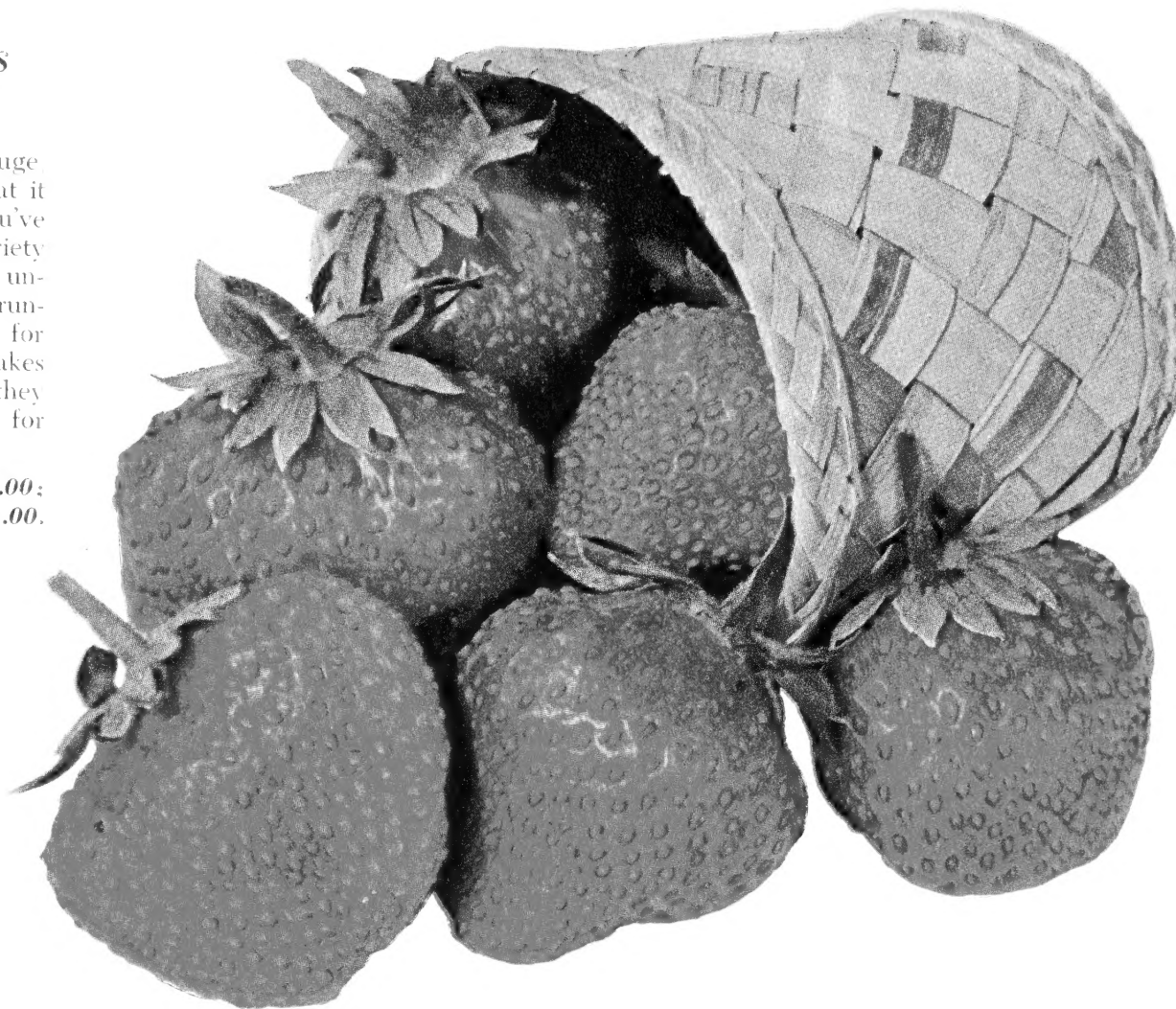
When you have tasted one of these huge, honey-sweet berries, you will say that it is just about the best strawberry you've ever eaten. It's an ideal home variety because it produces fruit continually until late fall. You almost never find a runner so peak production continues for many seasons. The lack of runners makes the plants expensive to produce, but they are worth it. The best strawberry for growing in jars or barrels.

*10 for \$2.50; 25 for \$5.00;  
100 for \$15.00.*

### DONNER

Developed by the hybridists at the University of California. The color is rich, size uniform, and it has a particularly delicious sweet strawberry flavor. Ripens good crops—even in its first year.

*25 for \$2.00; 100 for \$6.25.*



## Cherries on Bushes



All you need to enjoy home grown cherries is one of these handsomely foliated shrubs, small enough to fit into any sunny garden corner. Tiny white cherry blossoms line each limb in the spring and the crops of fine quality cherries ripen in midsummer. Anywhere in the country, cold or hot, the vigorous plants grow and fruit regularly.

*Either variety, bare root, \$3.75 ea.;  
10 or more, same variety, \$3.35 ea., postpaid.*

- ✧ **Korean Cherry No. 20** Grows to about 5 or 6 feet. The excellent fruit has just enough tartness to make this best for pies or preserves. Does best if No. 60 is planted nearby for cross pollination.

*Bare root plants, 2 to 2½ feet.*

- ✧ **Korean Cherry No. 60** Smaller (3 to 4 feet). The large fruit is deep maroon, sweet and richly flavored.

*Bare root plants, 1½ to 2 feet.*

### SPECIAL CHERRY OFFER

One plant each of No. 20 and No. 60—Plant both kinds for better crops.

*For delivery in California, please add 3% State sales tax.*

**\$6<sup>75</sup>**

Postpaid



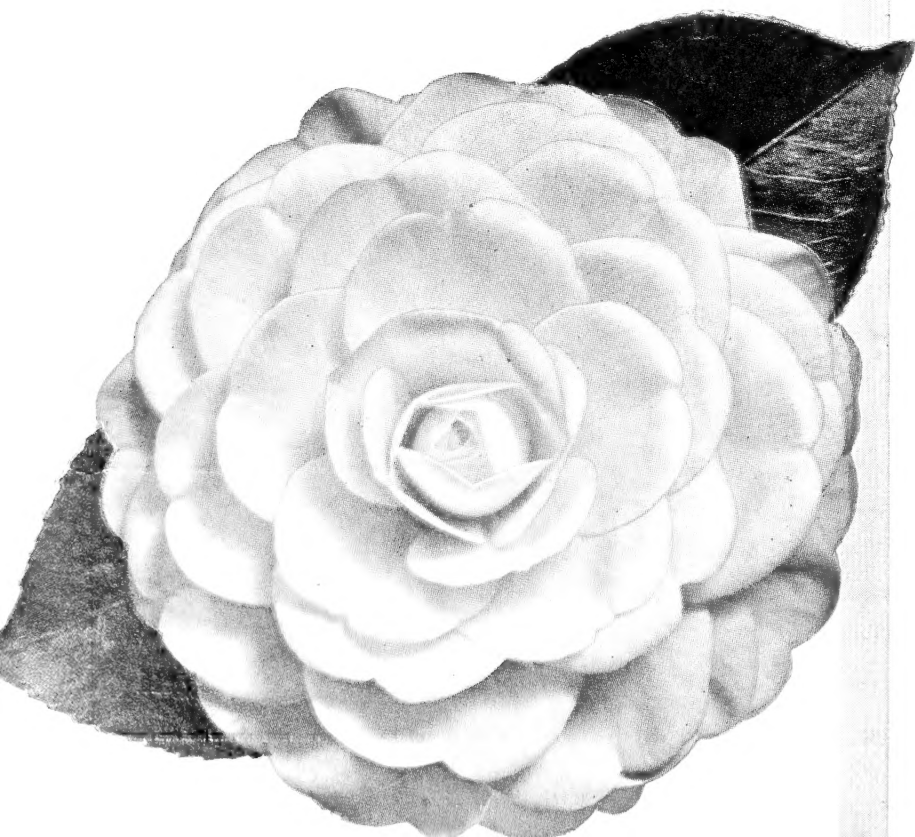


*Debutante*

*Camellia Glen 40*



*Eleanor Hagood*



# Glorious Camellias

## The World's Most Cherished Winter Bloom

Anywhere along the Pacific Coast and throughout the temperate South, camellias with their glossy evergreen foliage are prized garden shrubs. The plants are quite hardy ( $0^{\circ}$  to  $10^{\circ}$ ). However, the flowers may suffer before it gets cold enough to harm the plants. If you are in one of the colder areas and have a glass house or conservatory, you'll find growing camellias quite easy. Or many grow them in tubs or boxes which may be moved to sheltered areas during cold spells.

Any time from October 15 to April 1 we can ship these heavy-rooted plants, specially packed to reach you in perfect condition. Smaller plants are 3 years old,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 feet tall. Larger specimens are bushy, 5-year-old plants,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 feet tall (dwarf growing kinds, the same age, may not be as tall, but will be bushier). Planting instructions accompany each shipment, and all plants are shipped bare root with transportation charges paid.

*Note: For shipment to California points, plants may be ordered and shipped in containers with soil. In such instances, we pack them without charge, but the transportation charges are collected upon delivery.*

### *Alba Plena*

**The loveliest of whites**

The most prized of all white camellias. The large, high-centered, fully double, formal blooms are exquisite.

**\$3.50. Larger plants—\$12.00.**

### *Daikagura*

**The Earliest to Bloom**

The first camellia to bloom—often in early October. The flowers, with big, wavy petals arranged informally, are deep rose pink (sometimes blotched with white).

**\$3.50. Larger plants—\$12.00.**

### *Debutante*

**Perfect for Corsages**

The pleasing form, medium size, and dainty pink coloring make this an ideal flower to wear. The plant is tall, vigorous, and free-blooming.

**\$3.00. Larger plants—\$9.50.**

## *All Star Trio*

If you want some special varieties of which you can be exceedingly proud, here they are:

**Eleanor Hagood**

*A marvelous pink*

**Glen 40**

*A vibrant red*

**Margarete Hertrich**

*A perfect white*

*Calif. orders please add 3% sales tax.*

**All-Star Trio:** One plant of each of these three kinds ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 ft. plants) for

**\$9<sup>75</sup>**

### *Eleanor Hagood*

Row after row of perfectly imbricated delicate pink petals form a lovely formal flower, 4 to 5 inches across. Looks just like a great big Pink Perfection.

**\$4.25. Larger plants—\$15.00.**

### *Elegans* (Chandler)

Big, 6-inch flowers of rose pink, splashed with white. The broad wavy outer petals surround a high tuft of tiny petaloids. Low, spreading plant but very free blooming.

**\$3.50. Larger plants—\$12.00.**

### *Glen 40*

#### **The Most Wanted Red**

A large formal double with many broad, beautifully imbricated petals of rich red. A warm undertone of orange gives each flower an incandescent glow.

**\$4.25. Larger plants—\$15.00.**

### *Margarete Hertrich*

#### **A Beautiful White**

The immaculate wax-like petals, row after row of them, arranged in perfect symmetry make up a formal bloom which looks almost too perfect to be real. Blooms later than Alba Plena.

**\$4.25. Larger plants—\$15.00.**

### *Mathotiana* (Julia Drayton)

Striking rose-like flowers are often 6 inches across—it's the largest and showiest of our red camellias. When fully open, the bud-like center may disclose a tuft of golden stamens.

**\$3.50. Larger plants—\$12.00.**

### *Pink Perfection*

Charming, medium size blooms of delicate pink—a perfect formal double with never a petal out of place. It blooms from Thanksgiving right through to late spring.

**\$2.50. Larger plants—\$7.50.**

### *Princess Bacciochi*

Rich, velvety, carmine-red blooms are always perfect and there are always lots of them. One of the most handsomely foliaged of all camellia plants.

**\$2.50. Larger plants—\$7.50.**

### *Professor C. S. Sargent*

#### **Deepest Dark Red**

Deep scarlet flowers with a high pompon-like crown of small petaloids at the center. Semi-dwarf, free blooming plant.

**\$3.50. Larger plants—\$12.00.**

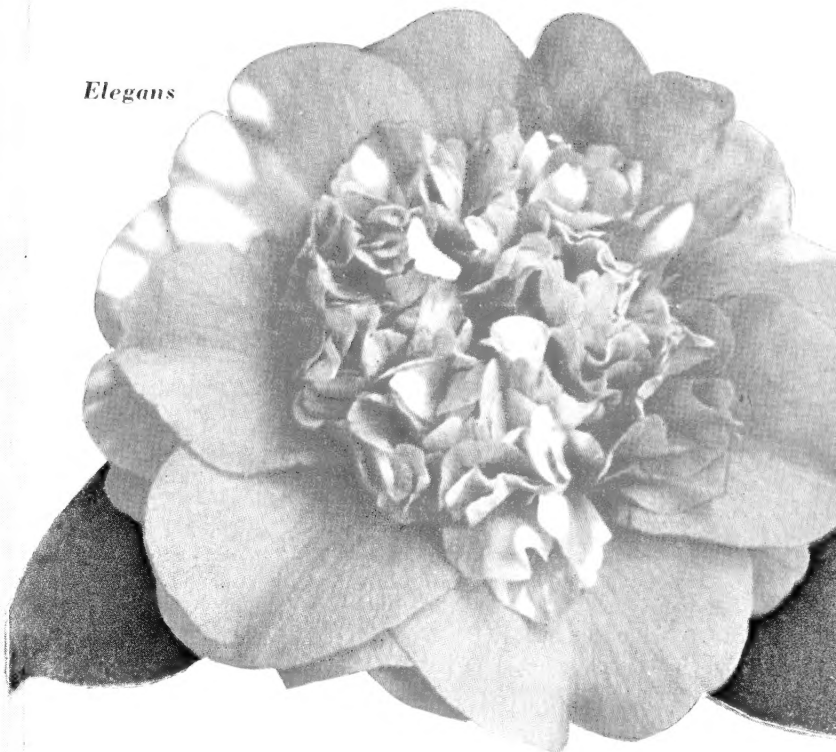
### *Purity*

#### **Most Popular White**

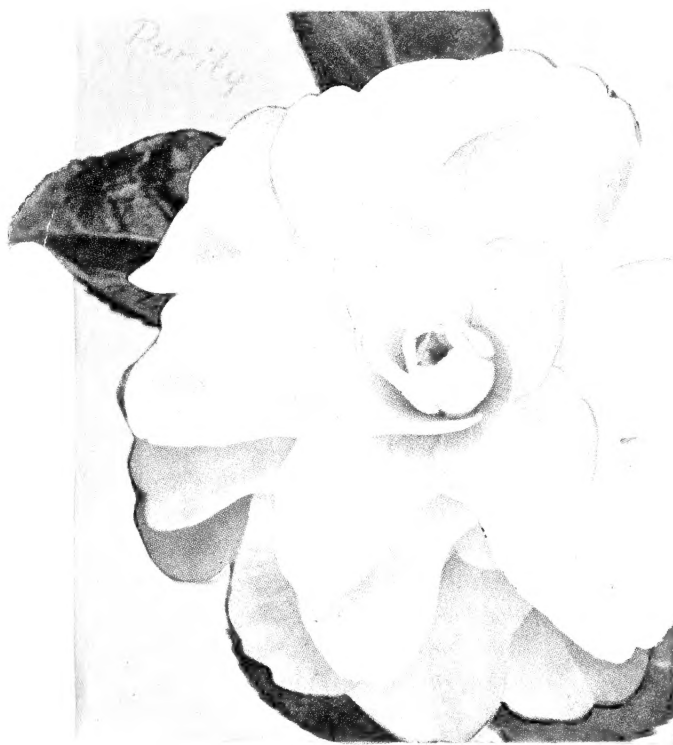
Beautifully formed with tier upon tier of wavy white petals forming a large perfect bloom. It's just the right size for cutting.

**\$2.50. Larger plants—\$7.50.**

*Elegans*



*Purity*



*Mathotiana*



## **Cornerstone Collection**

Save on these four lovely and easy-to-grow kinds:

**Mathotiana**

*Huge red*

**Elegans**

*Marbled pink and white*

**Purity**

*Snow white*

**Debutante**

*Delicate pink* Calif. orders please add 3% sales tax.

**Cornerstone Collection:** One each of the above (1½ to 2 ft. plants) for

**\$9.45**



ARMSTRONG'S

# Floribunda COLLECTION

The 3 brand new Armstrong Floribunda introductions for 1956—three new and distinctive garden beauties displaying intriguing new 1956 colors and color combinations:

*Circus*—All-America for 1956

*Fanfare*—Cheery ever-changing colors

*Wildfire*—Lavish with its gay bloom

A top quality Armstrong plant of all three sent postpaid anywhere in the U. S. for:

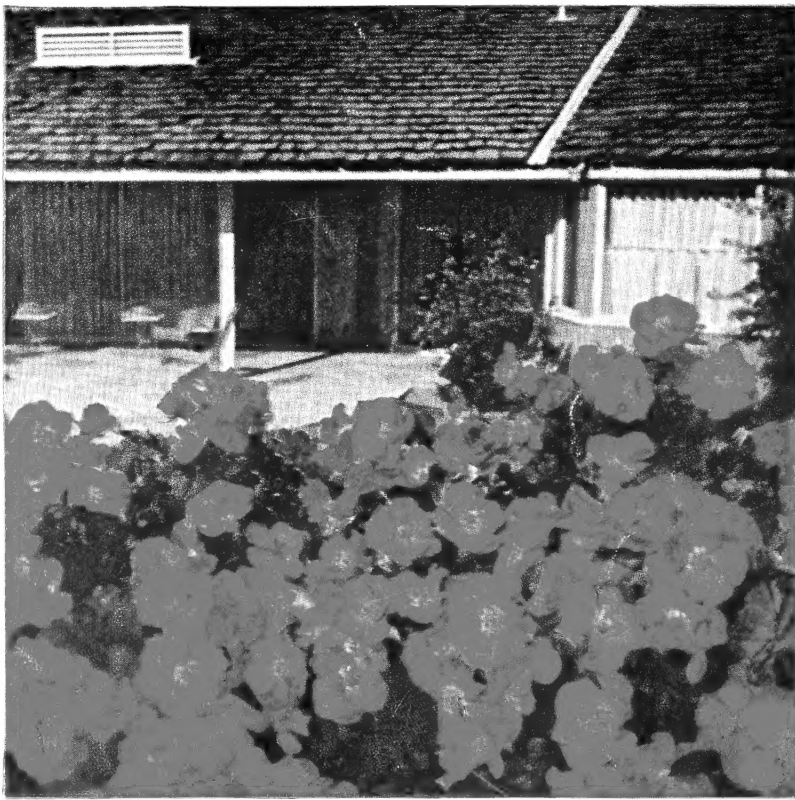
(For California delivery add 3% sales tax) **\$6<sup>05</sup>**



*Fanfare*



*Circus*



*Wildfire*

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